

Freddy-Miss Smarte is a funny girl. I met her the other day, and my prescription the other day. It when I said 'heilo' she failed to re- called for two grains of opium, and I spond. She slipped off her finger ring, got a small package cortaining mag and only looked at me kind of saucy

Arthur-She supposed you took her for a telephone girl. You said 'hello,' you know. So she did what the telephone girls do when they want to get rid of you. "Ring off," you know .-Boston Transcript.

Across the Footlights. The singer his voice failed to gauge, And the audience went frantic with rauge,

But the singer had grit And kept on until hit By a cabbage and knocked off the stauge.

WORST OF THE ARGUMENT.



"Poor man! I suppose you've been a soldier, and had to have your legs amputated?"

"Oh, no, lady, I'm a seafarin' man, an' I wunst 'ad a nargyment wiv a shark." -Ally Sloper.

Living with Papa. Young Harduppe won the love of one Of Milyun's pretty daughters, And since she is his better half He's moved to better quarters. -Philadelphia Press.

Wouldn't Stand.

"My husband was badly cheated on that horse he bought last week. The man who owned him before said he would stand without being hitched." "Wouldn't he?"

"No. He dropped dead the very first time John tried him."-Chicago Times-Herald.

Might Have Been Expected. "William, why did you punish that child?" "For irreverence, my dear; he called

me Billy." "You were very inconsiderate, it seems to me; you always refer to him as the kid."-Judge.

To the Despised Poets. Take heart, O ye that sing to-day And charm not-be content! Who knows? Admiring people may Form clubs when ye have passed away, To find out what ye meant. -Chicago Times-Herald.

EXTIRELY TOO LOUD.



Tailor's Boy-Does Mr. DeStyles live here?

Landlady-Yes. Tailor's Boy-Well, here's a mair of new trousers for him.

Landlady-You'll have to bring them around next week. He's very sick and the doctor insists on our keeping everything quiet.-Chicago Daily News.

Hymen's Magie Touch. A pensive girl in early life, She wore a troubled brow; Yet she became a happy wife-She's quite ex-pensive now.
-Town Topics,

A Strategie Device. He-What a lot of ladies you have asked to assist at your reception, Isa-

She-Of course, Harry; how stupid you are about society. I have to ask all those from whom I want to borrow things .- Chicago Record.

No Automobile. City Man-So the automobile craze has reached out here, has it? You say this cart goes without a horse. What is the motive power?

Country Man-I push it .- N. Y. World. Embittered Instruction.

"Pa, what is commercial rivalry?" "Well, commercial rivalry is the way your mother tries to spend what I make faster than Mrs. Dash, next door, spends what her husband makes."-Chicago Record.

A Safe Investment. Give plty to those who toll and weep, For such to the Lord are lent; And always remember that talk is cheap And advice doesn't cost a cent.

Missed His Interview. St. Peter-What's all that row I hear

op in the city? Passing Cherub-That "eminent dirine" who arrived last night has just found out that we have no newspapers. -Puck.

An Investigation in Order.

Customer-You made a mistake in

Druggist-Are you sure about it r Customer-Yes. Here is a duplicate prescription from the physician. Now, the question is, who got the opium?

Druggist-Dear me, that's so; (to the prescription clerk) James, who's dead in the neighborhood?-Harlem Life.

One Hundred Next. Goodheart-He's always touching

me for a V or an X. Prudentz-Well, do you give it to

him? Goodheart-Yes, and this morning he writes for 50.

Prudentz-What could you expect? Give a man a cinch and he'll ask an L.—Philadelphia Press.

Told the Truth for Once. Crimsonbeak-You know Mung-

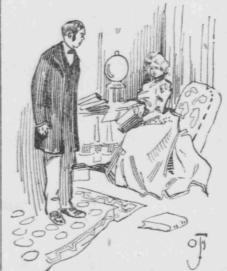
chaussing? Yeast-Well, I should say so! telling the truth once." "No!"

"Yes; he said, to-day, he was the biggest liar in town."-Yonkers Statesman.

Her Particular Advantage. When, in a case of strife, the politician's

Desired, in her sweet, wifely way, to flout No common things she said, but held him while she read What opposition papers said about him.
-Chicago Record.

HER SECOND HUSBAND WOULD.



Henpeck-After I'm dead I want you o marry again. Wife-Why?

Henpeck-Then I'll feel sure that there will be at least one person who will daily deplore my death.-The King.

Preparing for a Crash. All men are architects of fate; and prone perpetrate this sin They want a cupola on top, although the walls are dangerous thin.

-Chicago Record. A Victim of Jealousy. "Why did you break off your en-

gagement with Miss Bertha? "Because her parrot was always saying: "Stop that, George." "But what difference did that make? Your engagement was not a secret. "But my name is not George."-Tit-

Her Conclusion. "I do not write poetry for vulgar consideration or pecuniary reward," said the young man, haughtily. "I see," said Miss Cayenne. "It's not

a business with you; merely a habit." -Washington Star. A Necessary Monstrosity. Nephew-Aunt Minerva, do you believe in the new woman? Aunt Minerva-Indeed I do. You

can't regulate some men at all unless you scare 'em to death .- Indianapolis Journal. The New Woman.

She is much like the old, For they say-O, shocking!-She sits on the floor When she puts vii ner stocking. -Chicago Tribune. HE KNEW.



Teacher - A man bought three pounds of meat for 36 cents, a can of tomatoes for eight eents and some potatoes for five cents. Now, what does that make?

Bright Scholar-Soup.-Philadelphia

A Question in His Mind. "Don't you believe there is a Power which governs man's actions?" "Well, that depends very largely on whether he's married or not."-Chicago Times-Herald.

No Danger. "He sat on my joke." "That was safe." "Safe?" "Yes. There wasn't any point to it." -Harlem Life.

Faith and Unfaith. "Everything works in circles." "What do you mean?" "Why, Joe Jorks is such a skeptic that he has lost his faith in skepticism."-Puck.

HE EXPLAINED IT TO HER.

But Her Brain Was Unsympathetic and She Didn't Catch On Very Rendily.

"Yes, my dear, a man out in Oklahoma says he has talked over a wiremiles.'

"He must have a loud voice." "You don't understand, my dear. He doesn't use his voice," said Mr. Mudlark, according to the Cleveland Plain

"What does he use? A phonograph?" "No, no! He makes signals."

"Signals that can be seen 1,000 'miles? Pooh!" "Just let me explain, my dear. He

starts sound waves, you know. He starts them at intervals, and they know what word it is by the number of sound waves between the intervals. Simple, isn't it?"

"Do you understand it?" "Of course I do:"

"Then it's simple. By the way, what is a sound wave?"

"A sound wave, my dear, is a-a fluctuation produced in the air by an agitation.

"Any air? 'Home, Sweet Home?" "No, no. Atmospheric air. The stronger the agitation the stronger the sound waves. To converse over an "Well, we must give him credit for imaginary line 1,000 miles in length would require-ah-very strong talk." "I suppose he eats lots of onions."

"Who eats onions?" "The man who creates the agitation with his strong talk."

"Nonsense, my dear. You don't seem to comprehend the intricacies of science. Or, rather, you are not up in its technical terms. Besides, there is the electricity. You mustn't forget the electricity."

"Well, I have forgotten it. You didn't say anything about my bringing it. Anyhow, how could I carry it?" "My dear, you are quite too literal, I merely wanted you to understand

that the sound waves are invigorated, and extended, and vitalized by electricity." "That sounds like a patent medicine advertisement."

"My dear, my dear! I fear it is quite useless to make any further endeavor to instill scientine principles into your unsympathetic brain." "Let my brain alone, William Mud-

lark. Break off that wretched habit of coveting everything you haven't got yourself. Do you seem to catch the sound waves I'm agitating toward you at this blessed moment?" "Yes, Maria."

"Without electricity?"

"Yes, Maria." "Well, then, climb down into the cellar and fill up the furnace, and then get yourself to bed instanter!" "Yes, Maria."

HOUSECLEANING HINTS.

The Time to Dust Walls and Begin War Upon Moths and Other Pests.

The dusting down of the wall is one of the most important parts of housecleaning. This should be done early, even if it has to be repeated later, says the New York Tribune, when carnets are lifted. The house moth conceals itself in the dust that collects in the ridges of the cornice and elsewhere on the ceiling. These moths should be swept down early, while they are in an inactive state and before they begin laying eggs. These eggs are concealed in wool, fur and wherever the moth can find a place which will furnish food for the destructive little grubs that hatch out. All insect life wakes up in April, and often in March, and this is the best time to fight the clothes moth, as

well as all other insect pests. It is useless to dust down ceilings unless the work is thoroughly done. In order to do this the worker must be provided with a long handled broom, made with a very light handle. | CATTLE-Common .. \$4 25 @ 4 65 An excellent broom with an extension handle was formerly made in Boston under a patent granted to a woman. It was simple and inexpensive, and perfectly adapted to its work of sweeping ceilings and sidewalls. Similar brooms are now sold by all the house-furnishing stores, but it is still difficult to find a broom for sweeping ceilings with so light a handle as those made by this Boston woman. The Japanese make ideal brooms for sweeping dust from wood and matting. They have light bamboo handles. Illustrations of this broom have appeared in various papers, and, though it is a perfect broom for all purposes for which it is used in Japan, the handle is not long enough to reach our high ceilings, though long enough to reach the low ceilings of Japanese houses. Nor is the broom stiff enough for sweeping carpets, because there are no carpets in Japan, only light rugs, which may be easily shaken. The average American broom manufacturer makes a broom with so heavy a handle that it adds considerably to the labor of sweeping. The ceiling broom should have a handle long enough so that a woman can easily, reach any house ceiling when she is standing on the floor, and thus dust it thoroughly.

The Fashionable Figure.

The reign of the woman who is at all stout is entirely past. Just now, to be really correct, we must be very straight and thin and tall. Indeed our bodices are being sent home to us so incased in whalebone that it feels like getting into chain armor to put on a new frock. But, as we have to be straight and slim to be correct, we have, of course, to take steps to become so at whatever cost of personal discomfort.-Washington Star.

A Little Hint.

Treat your stomach well and you will be rewarded with a fine, clear skip and bright eyes .- Detroit Free Press THEY SHOULD WORK.

Convicts Should Be Engaged in Productive Labor.

less telegraph line a distance of 1,000 State Laws Ought to Be Uniform-Recommendations of Industrial Commission in Its Report to Congress.

> The industrial commission has sent to congress its report on prison labor. In summing up its conclusions the commission says that all prisoners should be engaged in productive labor, and that the state should have absolute control of their care. Their employment, with the intention of producing revenues, the report says, tends to the greatest competition with free labor and detracts from the punitive reformatory and disciplinary features of the prisons. Employment of prisoners on public works has the least tendency to competition with free labor. In order to harmonize the antagonistic interests of the different states, the industrial operation of penal and like institutions in each should be under the supervision of a central office. Adoption of laws embracing the principles mentioned has been retarded by various conditions in many of the states. The adoption of uniform legislation, the report says, is the only remedy for existing abuses. The commission submits general provisions of law mainly from the New York statute, and recommends that such part shall be embodied in the laws of the different states as is found possible. The interdiction of interstate commerce in all goods, etc., the product of convict labor, supplemented by state legislation, would be the nearest to a complete remedy for evils of convict labor competition, but in the absence of such laws the most practical step would be an act making such goods upon their arrival in any state subject to its laws. Commissioners Smythe and Harris dissent from that portion of the report recommending an interdiction of prison-made goods, and Mr. Smythe also dissents from a recommendation fixing eight

PREHISTORIC MAN.

hours for a day's work for prisoners.

The Evidences of His Existence in Various Western States to Be Preserved.

The house committee on public lands has made a favorable report upon a bill for the regulation of monuments, ruins, and other objects on public lands. The measure directs the secretary of the interior to set aside and reserve from public sale, entry and settlement any publie lands in Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico upon which are monuments, cliff dwellings, cemeteries, graves, mounds, forts, or any other work of prehistoric and aboriginal

The report says there are indications that a highly civilized race occupied this part of the country hundreds of years before America was discovered, and built dwellings, and the pottery and utensils used indicate these people were a race much superior to the In-

These ruins are of the greatest interest to students of archaeological science. The ruins are located a considerable distance from the railroads, and up to this time have not been destroyed. and are visited each year by a great many people. Consequently their de-

struction is taking place. The various archaeological societies are much interested in the preservation of these ruins, and the only practicable way they can be preserved is by creating a reservation of land surrounding each ruin and providing a penalty for any destruction.

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